

Rossi sentenced for crash fatal to 2

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A Vestal man yesterday was sentenced to state prison for five to 15 years for the car-crash deaths of two young brothers despite an impassioned plea from his mother.

Michael J. Rossi Jr., 31, of 1721 Main St., was given the maximum prison term by Broome County Judge Patrick H. Mathews. The judge said he agreed with the Dec. 17 verdict by a jury that concluded Rossi had been under the influence of methamphetamine.

Rossi and his mother, Lucille Rossi, blamed the crash on icy roads, and Rossi denied taking drugs that day.